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SUBJ: HUNGARIAN REACTION TO CYPRIOT COUP

1. EXTENSIVE PRESS COVERAGE HAS BEEN GIVEN LAST FEW DAYS
TO COUP IN CYPRUS AND SUBSEQUENT WORLD REACTION.

2. PEOPLE'S PATRIOTIC FRONT AND HUNGARIAN NATIONAL PEACE
COUNCIL ISSUED STATEMENTS CONDEMNING COUP WITH LATTER
BLAMING IT ON "NATO CIRCLES WHO OPPOSE SPREAD OF PEACEFUL
COEXISTENCE AND WANT TO INCREASE TENSION IN EASTERN BASIN
OF MEDITERRANEAN". ARTICLE IN HSWP DAILY NEPSZABADSAG
JULY 17 CHARGED "LEADING IMPERIALIST CIRCLES" WITH
FOMENTING COUP IN ORDER TO "ORGANIZE JOINT NATO BASE
ON CYPRUS". ALLEGS THAT "NATO WANTED TO TAKE INTO
ITS OWN HANDS LIQUIDATION OF INDEPENDENT AND NEUTRAL
REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS". ARTICLE THEN ADDED THAT "NATO
GENERALS" HAD FINANCED EOKA-B AND THAT IT HAS APPROVED

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CARRYING OUT OF COUP BY GREEK GOVT.

3. TODAY'S NEPSZABADSAG CARRIES FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL BY PETER VAJDA REPEATING CHARGE THAT "NATO MILITARY CIRCLES TOOK PART IN COUP".

4. EMBOFF ASKED TV COMMENTATOR JULY 17 WHY THERE SUCH EXTENSIVE COVERAGE OF CYPRUS EVENTS. ANSWER WAS THAT "HUNGARIANS CONCERNED ABOUT POTENTIAL EAST-WEST MILITARY CONFRONTATION IN MEDITERRANEAN AND EFFECT GENERAL SITUATION MIGHT HAVE ON DETENTE". WITHOUT BEING ASKED, HE DENIED THAT PRESS WAS RECEIVING "PARTY GUIDANCE" ON HOW TO CARRY STORY. NEVERTHELESS, MOST NEWS REPORTS ORIGINATE FROM TASS AND EDITORIAL COMMENT IS EMANATING FROM PARTY'S DAILY.
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